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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK BUILDINGS,
MARKET SQUARE,
RETFORD.

To the Chairman and Members of the
East Retford Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1940, which has been drawn up in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health in their circular No. 2314. Owing to present conditions the report is brief and contains only an outline of the work done during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID S. CLARK.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	...	...	...	...	111024 acres.
Estimated Resident population, mid-year 1940	...				19,280
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1940	...				5,103
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1940	...	...	...		£80,131
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1st April, 1940					£324/10/0

Vital Statistics.

LIVE BIRTHS—		Total	M	F	
Legitimate	...	193	106	87	
Illegitimate	...	8	2	6	
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population					10.42
Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 population					14.6
STILL BIRTHS—		Total	M	F	
Legitimate	...	6	2	4	
Illegitimate	...	1	0	1	
Rate per 1,000 TOTAL births					33.65
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population					0.36
Rate per 1,000 population in England and Wales					0.55
DEATHS—		Total	M	F	
		280	135	145	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population					14.52
Death Rate per 1,000 population in England and Wales					14.3
Death Rate adjusted in accordance with the Registrar-General's Areal comparability Factor					12.9
MATERNAL MORTALITY—					
Deaths from Puerperal Causes—					rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal and post abort. sepsis	...	1	...	4.8	
Other Maternal Causes	...	3	...	14.4	
Maternal Mortality for England & Wales per 1,000 live births,					2.16
INFANTILE MORTALITY—		Total	M	F	
Legitimate	...	17	11	6	
Illegitimate	...	1	nil	1	
Death Rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births					89.5
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births					88.08
Infantile Mortality for England and Wales					55

MORTALITY—

The deaths include those of 38 persons in institutions outside the district. 21 males and 17 females.

The above rates are calculated on the estimated population given by the Registrar-General as 19,280 a decrease of 500 on that for 1939.

The causes of death were:—

Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	4	Other respiratory diseases	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	2
Influenza	12	Appendicitis	1
Cancer of baccal cavity and oesophagus & uterus	1	Other digestive diseases ...	6
Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	5	Nephritis	13
Cancer of breast	6	Puerperal and post-abort. sepsis ...	1
Cancer of all other sites ...	21	Other maternal causes ...	3
Diabetes	3	Premature birth	6
Intercranial vascular lesions ...	28	Congenital, malformations, birth injuries, infants diseases	6
Heart disease	85	Suicide	2
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	9	Road traffic accidents ...	3
Bronchitis	17	Other violent causes ...	9
Pneumonia	7	All other causes	25

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

No important changes occurred during the year in the organisation or functioning of the services.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. In spite of the increased amount of work caused by air raid precautions schemes, government evacuation scheme, and other activities created since the commencement of hostilities, the number of inspections carried out by the Inspectors would appear to be sufficient to carry out general sanitary surveillance of the district.

TUBERCULOSIS, 1940.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1... 2 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2... 3 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3... 4 ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
4... 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5...10 ...	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	1
10...15 ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15...20 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
20...35 ...	1	4	...	...	1	1	...	...
35...45 ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
45...65 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
65 and over ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	3	7	2	3	1	3	...	1

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	20	18 [a]	...
Diphtheria ...	4	4 [a]	...
Acute Polio-encephalitis ...	1	...	...
Pneumonia ...	27	...	7
Puerperal Pyrexia* ...	2	...	...
Erysipelas ...	5	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	6	...	...
Measles... ...	107	...	...
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	2	2 [a]	...
Dysentery ...	1	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	10	1[b] 1[c] 1[d]	4
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	5	...	1
Totals ...	190	27	12

[a] North Carlton Isolation Hospital.

[b] Victoria Hospital Workshp.

[c] Lincoln County Hospital, Ragnall.

[d] Notts. County Mental Hospital, Radcliffe.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases - continued.

Notifiable Diseases.	Ragnall	Evertton	Wiseton	Beckingham	Barnby Moor	Bawtry	Rampton	Bole	Babworth	Bothamsall	Clayworth	Clarborough	East Markham	Elkiesley	Finningley	Gamston	Gringley-on-the-Hill	Grove	Lound	Littleborough	Marnham	Misson	Misterton	Normanton-on-Trent	North Wheatley	North Lerveton	Ranskill	Sutton	Sturton-le-Steeple	South Lerveton	Scrooby	South Wheatley	Tuxford	Torworth	Tresswell	Walkeringham	Woodbeck	West Drayton	West Stockwith		
Scarlet Fever	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	1	...		
Diphtheria	1	1	1	
Acute Polio-encephalitis	2	2	...	1	
Pneumonia	1	1	...	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	1	
Erysipelas	1	...	1	
Whooping Cough	3	1	...	1	
Measles	3	1	3	1	1	2	...	1	1	25	1	1	3	1	2	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	
Dysentery
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	...	1	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1
Totals	1	1	3	3	2	3	5	3	1	1	3	4	4	5	29	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	11	1	3	2	3	5	14	7	5	10	1	26	6	1	7	3	1	4	

Report of the Sanitary Inspector for 1940.

The following is a brief summary of the work undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector during the year and only includes information under the more important headings:—

COWSHEDS.

No. of registered producers of milk in the district	
January 1940 ...	528
No. of applications from producers of milk in the district for registration as wholesale and/or retail purveyors of milk	12
No. of registered producers of milk in the district	
December 1940 ...	540

Of the above number, 194 carry on the trade as retail milk purveyors.

Notices have been served during the year requiring work to be carried out in 91 cases.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.

Pumping was commenced from the Council's boreholes at Everton Pumping Station on March 1st 1940. Continuous daily pumping from that date has proved the supply of water in the boreholes to be adequate and the analyst's reports on the weekly samples of water show the quality of the water to be satisfactory.

SUMMARY.

No. of Houses erected during the Year 1940:—

(1) By private enterprise without subsidy:—	
Brick construction	7
Timber construction	nil
(2) By the Council under the Housing Act, 1936	38

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	151
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	292

(ii)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	18
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...			18
(iii)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	nil
(iv)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	18

2. **Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.**

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	20
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3. **Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—**

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	11
(b)	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts	...				nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	nil
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	nil

SUMMARY.

Complaints and Inspections:—

1.	Number of complaints received during the year	...	56
2.	Number of houses, premises etc. inspected	...	1808
3.	Number of re-inspections of houses, premises, etc.	...	259

Results of Inspections:—

Notices served.	Statutory	Informal	
4. Abatement of nuisance ...	—	33	
5. Provision of new drains, repairs, etc. ...	—	37	
6. Provision of Sanitary Acc., repairs, etc. ...	—	26	
7. Provision of Wholesome Water ...	6	46	
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Totals ...	6	142	148
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Work carried out as a result of above Notices.

8. Houses, premises, etc, cleansed	4
9. Drains to houses and buildings, new provided ...			18
10. Drains to houses, repaired, cleansed, trapped, etc. ...			40
11. Water closets, new provided ...	...	...	5
12. Privies repaired ...	...	...	2
13. Pail closets, new provided and repaired ...		...	11
14. Removals of refuse ...	...	...	8
15. Paving, new provided and repaired ...		...	24
16. Sanitary accommodation—Conversions:			
Privies converted into Pails ...	...	4	
Pails converted to Water Closets	5	

Water Supply.

17. New piped supplies from the Public Mains	515
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Canal Boats Act.

Number of Canal Boats inspected	nil
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Legal Proceedings.

Summonses	nil
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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1940, for the Rural District of East Retford, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, and the Factories Act, 1937, in connection with Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector—28 inspections for purposes of provisions as to health, including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors were made and 5 written notices were served. No occupiers were prosecuted.

